

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Bryce Valley High School

Board members present: Board President Ken Platt, Vice President Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, and Myron Cottam and Mike Savage.

Superintendent Ben Dalton and Business Administrator Kevin Orton were present.

BOARD MEETING

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board President Ken Platt called the meeting to order.

Welcome

Board President Ken Platt extended a welcome to all who were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Goals

The Board cleaned up a few of the goals. The Board did add on more Board Goal related to Board training and becoming a more effective Board.

GCSD Board Handbook

No changes at this time.

2. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approve July 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve July 2013 Financial Reports**
- C. Approve Hiring Recommendations**
- D. Letters of Resignation**

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the July 2013 Board Meeting Minutes. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve the hiring recommendations. Mike Savage seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. Ken Platt abstained. Melaney Draper voted Nay. The motion passed 3-1-1. After a brief discussion concerning one of the new hires, the motion was rescinded. Cheryl Cox made a motion to approve all of the hiring recommendations except for the Panguitch High School position that had a letter attached. This hire will be discussed at a later time. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the letters of resignation. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

Kevin Orton explained that three accounts, maintenance supplies, building improvements and land improvements have all been combined into a host account. He and Damon Brinkerhoff feel it will be easier to manage this way. He will provide a spreadsheet each month with these expenditures. Mike Savage made a motion to accept the July Financial Report. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

5. Reports

A. Board Reports

Melaney Draper will be attending Leadership Academy for Board members. She also attended Back-to-School night at Panguitch Elementary. She said it was a great event and teachers were available for parents to visit with regarding the new school year.

Ken Platt and Superintendent attended the Delegate Assembly. He said it was really worth the time. USBA will pay for Ken to participate in the Leadership Academy, so all Board members will be attending except for Cheryl Cox.

Cheryl Cox commented that she appreciated the online meeting for the Board work meeting. She also thought it may be beneficial to attend Board Docs training

on taking minutes and mentioned it may be valuable for Lucinda at the District Office as well.

Mike Savage will attend the August 22, 2013 UHSAA meeting.

Myron Cottam had no report at this time.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Trust Lands Task Force

GARFIELD DISTRICT – TOTAL DISTRIBUTION		\$136,689
10104 ANTIMONY SCHOOL	14	\$2,019.00
10108 BOULDER SCHOOL	9	\$1,298.00
10112 BRYCE VALLEY SCHOOL	153	\$22,061.00
10116 ESCALANTE SCHOOL	71	\$10,237.00
10124 PANGUITCH SCHOOL	271	\$39,075.00
10304 PANGUITCH MIDDLE	74	\$10,670.00
10704 BRYCE VALLEY HIGH	139	\$20,042.00
10708 ESCALANTE HIGH	83	\$11,967.00
10712 PANGUITCH HIGH	134	\$19,321.00

The Utah State Board of Education's School Trust Investment Task Force will recommend changes to the management and oversight of the \$1.6 billion permanent State School Fund during Friday's Utah State Board of Education meeting in Salt Lake City. In February, the Utah State Board of Education formed a task force headed by District 8 Board Member Jennifer A. Johnson to study appropriate and prudent investment oversight, process, and structure of the state's School Trust Fund. The permanent State School Fund has grown to a market value of \$1.6 billion, and consists primarily of income earned by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. The state has a fiduciary duty to invest those funds in a long term manner, similar to an endowment, and the interest and dividends goes to school community councils who decide how to spend it at the school level. For the 2013-14 school year the trust is providing over \$37 million to Utah's public schools. The fund is now overseen by the Utah State Treasurer's Office.

2. Online Provider Selected

In the last Board meeting, the Board gave Superintendent Dalton authorization to move forward with the selection of an online curriculum provider for the GCSD. A copy of the Contract with K12 Aventa was attached on Board Docs.

3. Capital Project Update

The parking lot at Panguitch Elementary has been completed. The prep work has started for the Panguitch Middle School parking lot. The wireless internet connections have been updated in Escalante High, Bryce Valley High, and Panguitch High. The cost for the wireless update is approximately \$40,000.

4. Delegate Assembly

In addition to voting to support the 2014 Legislative Priorities, the Delegate Assembly took two motions on the following:

1. The Delegate Assembly empowers the Joint Legislative Committee to make decisions related to legislative matters throughout the 2014 Legislative Session and in related meetings.
2. The Delegate Assembly supports the concept of having 60 credit hours consistently available to Utah's entire public school students to enable them to achieve an AA degree while in high school.

The Delegate Assembly anticipates a bill on item number 2 that would identify location(s) that would ensure 60 credit hours of available Concurrent Enrollment courses for distance learning, most of which would be broadcast from a high school site in the state to keep the price point low.

A copy of all of the 2014 Legislative Priorities adopted by the Delegate Assembly was included on Board Docs.

5. Parent Committee to Review SAGE Testing Questions

Utah Code 53A-1-603 directs that the Utah State Board of Education "require each school district and charter school, as applicable, to administer a computer adaptive assessment system." The law also establishes a committee of 15 parents of Utah public education students to review all computer adaptive test questions, as outlined. A copy of the Utah Code was included on Board Docs.

6. SB 271 – Grading Schools

The concerns raised about SB271 included:

- Schools will have a very difficult time, if at all; improving their grades based upon the way SB271 is set up. This is especially true for high schools.
- The lowest performing kids who make progress but do not make a full year's progress are not counted; rather, SB271 is built around proficiency and status more than growth
- The use of a bell curve in the model will ensure losers and winners every year, even if significant progress is made
- The process of developing the law and subsequent discussions has not included elected public school officials or their appointees.
- The Florida model does not fit Utah and furthermore, the Florida model is now under major revision, as it is not working well.
- UCAS was created collaboratively, with time for careful review and understanding. It is the Utah model and was agreed to by President Niederhauser throughout its development. He indicated that it was a suitable response to the original grading bill, SB59. And while UCAS is not perfect, it is managed by the Utah Board of Education which can adjust it as needed, minimizing political influence.
- The Governor has expressed his support for grading schools and has signed SB271.

7. UPIPS On-Site Monitoring Visit

The Utah State Office of Education, Special Education Services has the authority and responsibility of monitoring compliance with federal and state requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) and the Utah State Office of Education Special Education Rules. This responsibility is administered within the framework of supporting positive results for students with disabilities. The USOE-SES has re-conceptualized its accountability system to more effectively support LEASs in delivering compliant special education programs which lead to positive outcomes for students with disabilities. The following activities were completed by Garfield School District during the 2012-2013 school year:

- An On-Site UPIPS Monitoring Visit.
- Submission of an Improvement Plan Report for the 2012-2013 school year.

8. Back to School Nights

Superintendent Dalton shared information regarding Back to School Nights throughout the District.

9. GCSD Receives eBooks Grant

Garfield School District received information that LSTA grant application for "Engaging Students Through Reading Innovatively Delivered eBooks (eSTRIDE)" has been approved for funding in the amount of \$25,000.

10. SY 13-14 Online Class Schedule

The proposed broadcast schedule is as follows:

- A Day 3rd hour and B day 3rd hour Math 1010 - Originating from Panguitch
- B Day 1st hour Physics - originating from Bryce Valley
- B Day 2nd hour Spanish II - Originating from Panguitch

6. Board Action Items

A. R277-113 First Reading – Adoption in September

The Utah State Board of Education recently adopted administrative rule R277-133 "LEA Fiscal Policies and Accountability". This rule requires all LEA's to formally adopt and implement policies regarding the management and use of public funds, and it sets forth relevant responsibilities of both the Board and LEAs.

A copy of the required responsibilities was included on Board Docs.

Melaney Draper made a motion to accept the First Reading of the Administrative Rule. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

B. GCSD Online Enrollment Policy – Final Approval

A copy of the Online Enrollment Policy was included on Board Docs.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the Online Enrollment Policy. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Community Council Elections

To be in compliance with HB 306 in the last legislative session, the School Board will need to declare when the community councils will be elected. All of the schools in the District hold Community Council elections in the fall. To read more information on HB 306 please select the following

link. <http://openstates.org/ut/bills/2013/HB306/documents/UTD00023230/>

Myron Cottam made a motion to designate Fall Community Council elections in all of the schools throughout the District.

Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

D. “E” Policies – Proposed August Adoption

Ken Platt stated that there has been no public response or questions regarding the “E” policies.

Cheryl Cox made a motion to accept the “E” policies. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Garfield Voted Local Levy Resolution

A copy of the Garfield County School District Voted Local Levy Resolution was attached on Board Docs.

The Board made the decision to move forward with the Voted Local Levy and have it part of the November election process with a vote to the public. This would allow the money from the Bonds to come back into the District and an additional approximate \$55,000 for the District from the State. The Utah Legislature also has 1.5 million that was collected in the Utah Education Fund but was not allocated this year. Half of this excess money will be distributed to the districts that have a “Voted Local Levy.” This would only happen if the Local Levy was in place. The Board plans to attend all city council meetings in the District and work to create an informational pamphlet to be distributed.

Mike Savage made a motion to approve and adopt the Voted Local Levy Resolution as written. Melaney Draper seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Toro Lawn Mower Bids

Damon Brinkerhoff recommended that the Board go with the 72” mulching deck for cutting large areas. Myron Cottam made a motion to accept the Toro 72” lawnmower bid. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Board Discussion Items

A. CRT Data SY 2012-2013

The CRT Data is still not available from the State. When it becomes available, it will be presented to the Board.

B. Capital Project Update

Superintendent Dalton covered all of the updates during his report.

C. Bryce Valley Elementary Architect Fee

Superintendent Dalton contacted Ross with Naylor, Wentworth and Lund Architects. He told Superintendent that there would be no interest charged and that he would be willing to work with the District on the Fee. Superintendent will report to the Board as soon as he hears from Ross.

D. PMS and PES Parking Lots

This item was previously discussed in Superintendent's Report.

8. Board Business

A. Set September 2013 School Board Meeting

The Board meeting for September will be held in Antimony, Utah on September 19, 2013 beginning at 4:00PM.

A work meeting will be held on August 29, 2013 at the District Office in Panguitch, Utah and via E-Reach beginning at 6:00PM.

A work meeting will also be held on September 17, 2013 at the District Office and via E-Reach beginning at 5:00PM.

B. Previous Action Item from Consent Agenda

The Board made a decision to move forward with discussion regarding Hiring Recommendations. Myron Cottam made a motion to approve the hiring recommendation pending the approval of a teaching license for one individual. Cheryl Cox seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Myron Cottam, Melaney Draper, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Future Board Items

The Board had no discussion at this time.

10. Public Comments

No public comment at this time.

11. Adjournment

Melaney Draper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myron Cottam seconded the motion. A vote was called for. Ken Platt, Cheryl Cox, Melaney Draper, Myron Cottam, and Mike Savage all voted Aye. The motion passed 5-0.

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DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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